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Investigation of Seethapalliyeru and Pamularu projects.

* 835 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the investigation of Seethapalliyeru and Pamularu projects in East Godavari was commenced with the staff as mentioned in answer to question No. 438, dated 21st March 1927;

(b) when the investigation was commenced and for what period the party had worked; and

(c) when the investigation is likely to be completed?

A.—The Government have no information but have called for a report.

Mr. K. V. R. Swami:—"Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether the staff is employed at all?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—"I cannot say whether the staff is working now. The report has not been received, and until it is received, I cannot give a definite answer."

Mr. K. V. R. Swami:—"When the report is received, will the hon. Member be pleased to place it on the table?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—"The request will be considered, Sir."

Proposals regarding Coringa project.

*836 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the proposals regarding Coringa project, East Godavari, have been considered by the Government;

(b) what the result of such consideration is; and

(c) whether the Government will ask for a supplementary grant during the current year?

A.—The proposals have not yet reached the Government.

* Mr. K. V. R. Swami:—"Will the hon. Member kindly see that the proposals are expedited?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—"The proposals have just been received and they are now under consideration."

Construction of shutters over the anicut of the Godavari river.

* 837 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the question of constructing shutters over the anicut of the Godavari river similar to those over the anicut of the Kistna river has been considered by the Chief Engineer as stated in answer to question No. 413, dated 19th March 1927; and

(b) what the result of such consideration is?

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A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) It has been decided that higher falling shutters would be of little use, and that the best way to give an increased supply to the delta would be to alter the shutter pivots so as to let them fall with greater head and to provide travelling cranes to lift the shutters more quickly. Detailed plans and estimates for this work have been called for from the Chief Engineer.

* Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—" May I know from the hon. the Law Member whether the quantity of water can be increased without increasing the height of the shutters? The answer is that the height of the shutters will not be increased, and that arrangements can be made for an increased supply without shifting the old shutters. Will the quantity of water be increased by that means?"

The hon Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" It is stated in the answer itself that it is considered that the best way to give an increased supply to the delta would be to alter the shutter pivots so as to let them fall with greater head and to provide travelling cranes to lift the shutters more quickly."

Irrigation projects in the East Godavari district.

* 838 *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) besides Polavaram Island project what other projects are under contemplation in the East Godavari district ; and

(*b*) at what stage each such project is?

A.—The following projects are under contemplation :—

(1) *Coringa Island Project.*—Under the consideration of the Board of Revenue.

(2) *Pottanur Project.*—Under consideration by the Government.

(3) *Torigedda Scheme.*—A report is awaited from the Chief Engineer on the question of reviving the scheme, which was previously abandoned.

(4) *Seethapalliyeru and Pamularu Projects.*—An investigation staff has been sanctioned and a report on the results of the investigation is awaited.

Low water-level in the Periyar lake and its causes.

* 839 *Q.*—Mr. L. K. TULASIRAM : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) what was the water-level in the Periyar lake at the end of the last irrigation season, i.e., 13th March 1927 ;

(*b*) what was the lowest water-level ever recorded previous to that date ;

(*c*) if the water-level in the Periyar lake at the end of the last irrigation season was lower than the lowest water-level ever recorded previously, whether the Government have examined the causes and taken steps to prevent its recurrence ;